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BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL JUNE 30

MR. PRESIDENT, THE FIRST SPEAKER ON THE PROBLEM NOW BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, MR. MARCELINO SANTOS OF MOZAMBIQUE, GAVE A GRIM RECITAL OF THE DESTRUCTION AND KILLING WHICH HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST HIS COUNTRY AND HIS PEOPLE IN RECENT MONTHS.

HUMAN SUFFERING ALWAYS EVOKES DEEP SADNESS, AND THE MORE SO WHEN IT IS UNNECESSARY, AS IN THE PRESENT CASE. THE FOLLY OF THE RHODESIAN REGIME IN LASHING OUT AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS CAN NOT SAVE THAT REGIME. IT CAN ONLY LEAD TO MORE DEATH, TO INTENSIFIED HATRED, TO EVEN MORE BITTER ARMED CONFLICT AND EVEN GREATER RUIN IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

NO, MR. PRESIDENT, A REGIME BUILT ON RACISM AND TYRANNICAL RULE BY A MINORITY CAN NOT ENDURE IN TODAY'S WORLD. FREEDOM WILL COME TO ZIMBABWE: THE PEOPLE OF THAT LAND WILL SEE TO IT THEMSELVES.

THE U.S. GOVT. DEPLORES THESE ACTIONS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS;
-FIRST, BECAUSE OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY THAT WAS
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SO ELOQUENTLY DESCRIBED BY THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING OF MOZAMBIQUE, MR. DOS SANTOS.

- IT DIVERTS ATTENTION FROM THE TRUE IMPERATIVES OF THE FUNDAMENTAL NECESSITY OF ARRIVING AT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN ZIMBABWE AND THE URGENCY OF ESTABLISHING MAJORITY RULE IN THAT COUNTRY.

THE IMMEDIATE QUESTION BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

MR. PRESIDENT, IS THE VIOLATION OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE NATION OF MOZAMBIQUE. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE WILL RESIST THE CRUDE AGGRESSION AGAINST THEIR LAND; IT SHOULD BE EQUALLY CLEAR THAT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE AGGRESSION AND PROVIDE WHATEVER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SUFFERING IMPOSED ON MOZAMBIQUE.

THERE IS ALSO A BROADER QUESTION THAT URGENTLY ADDRESSES ITSELF TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER ZIMBABWE SHALL BE FREE BUT HOW ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA SHALL BECOME FREE. WILL THEY BE ENGULFED IN MASSIVE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION? OR CAN THERE BE A PEACEFUL PATH TO INDEPENDENCE AND JUSTICE?

MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THOSE WHO STILL MIGHT WONDER ABOUT THE POLICY OF MY COUNTRY, I WOULD RECALL OUR REPEATED EMPHASIS ON OUR SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE.

SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS REACHED A HISTORIC CROSSROADS. THAT AREA OF THE CONTINENT IS PROCEEDING TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SITUATION IS ONE IN WHICH TIME IS THE ENEMY OF HUMAN LIFE AND A PRODUCTIVE SOCIAL ORDER. ENSLAVED PEOPLE CAN NOT WAIT FOR OTHERS TO BREAK THEIR CHAINS,
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NOR SHOULD THEY WAIT. AS DEEPLY AS ONE BELIEVES IN NONVIOLENT CHANGE, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO TELL ANOTHER HUMAN BEING TO LAY DOWN HIS ARMS AGAINST AN OPPRESSOR WHO IS DAILY BLASTING AWAY THE VILLAGES, CROPS AND INHABITANTS OF THE OPPRESSED.

AND YET IF THERE IS A WAY TO EXPEDITE THE PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF AN HONORABLE SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA THROUGH AGGRESSIVE APPLICATION OF ECONOMIC PRESSURES AND DIPLOMACY, THERE IS STILL HOPE THAT UNTOLD LIVES WILL BE SPARED IN THAT REGION, AND THE PEOPLE THERE WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD AND PROGRESS WITH THE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES WHICH ARE NOT YET DESTROYED.

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ADMONISHED US THAT "THOSE WHO MAKE PEACEFUL REVOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE, MAKE VIOLENT REVOLUTION INEVITABLE."

I DO NOT ARGUE TODAY FOR VIOLENT REVOLUTION, FOR ARMED STRUGGLE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT PEACEFUL CHANGE IS ATTAINABLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IF IT COMES RAPIDLY ENOUGH. IT IS CLEAR THAT CHANGE IS ON THE

WAY, AND THAT CHANGE WILL BE ACHIEVED.
THIS IS WHY IT IS NOW URGENT THAT THE
UNITED NATIONS, WHICH IS THE REPOSITORY OF SO MUCH
HOPE FOR JUST AND PEACEFUL CHANGE IN THE WORLD
BECOME MORE PERSISTENT IN THE VARIOUS
EFFORTS TO FIND PEACE THROUGH PEACE, TO SAVE LIVES
AND TO HELP BUILD A PROSPEROUS AND FREE SOUTHERN AFRICA.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SMITH REGIME CAN
EXPECT NO ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. NOW OR EVER TO RESCUE IT FROM THE
POSITION IN WHICH IT HAS PLACED ITSELF.

EACH MEMBER SHOULD REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT EXISTING SANCTIONS
ARE FULLY ENFORCED.

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WE MUST ALL ENCOURAGE OUR GOVERNMENTS TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES
TO THE REQUEST OF THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO REPAIR
THE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THESE RAIDS.

TEN YEARS AGO A WORLD LEADER DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., WROTE PROPHETICALLY OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THIS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION. "THE UNITED NATIONS."
HE SAID, "IS A GESTURE IN THE DIRECTION OF NONVIOLENCE
ON A WORLD SCALE. THERE, AT LEAST, STATES THAT OPPOSE
ONE ANOTHER HAVE SOUGHT TO DO SO WITH WORDS INSTEAD OF
WITH WEAPONS."

AND SPEAKING OF THE WORLD-WIDE FERMENT OF OUR TIME,
HE WROTE: "ALL OVER THE GLOBE, MEN ARE REVOLTING AGAINST
OLD SYSTEMS OF EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION, AND OUT OF
THE WOMBS OF A FRAIL WORLD, NEW SYSTEMS OF JUSTICE ARE
BEING BORN. THE SHIRTLESS AND BAREFOOT PEOPLE OF THE
EARTH ARE RISING UP AS NEVER BEFORE. 'THE PEOPLE WHO
SAT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT.' WE IN THE
WEST MUST SUPPORT THESE REVOLUTIONS."

THUS DID DR. KING LAY DOWN A CHALLENGE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AND TO THE WEST, A CHALLENGE I FIND
TO BE STILL RELEVANT.

SO IN CONFRONTING THE ISSUES AT HAND, LET US
TAKE THE BOLD STEPS NECESSARY TO PROMOTE CHANGE
WITHOUT VIOLENCE, WITHOUT KILLING, IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA SAYS THAT ONE
OF THE KEYS TO ENDING THE WAR OVER RHODESIA IS THE
CUTTING OFF OF THE OIL SUPPLY -- AND SO I SAY TO MY
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COLLEAQUES GRAPPLING WITH THIS TENSE AND VOLATILE
SITUATION, LET US CALL UPON THE MEMBERS STATES TO
CUT OFF THE OIL SUPPLY.

MOREOVER, MR. PRESIDENT, RHODESIAN REGIMES'S ACTIONS
ENCOURAGE THIS WORLD BODY TO PURSUE THE EXPANSION OF UNITED NATIONS
SANCTIONS PROHIBITING THE SALE OF
MILITARY WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT
TO THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN RHODESIA.

ADDITIONALLY, IT IS THE NECESSARY BUSINESS OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THIS WORLD BODY TO COMMIT THEMSELVES
TO DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE AND FOR
THE NEARBY STATES WHICH HAVE PAID SUCH A HEAVY PRICE
ALREADY FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE.

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